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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant:	Steven A. Benner	Docket No.	031403/9009
Serial No.	09/538,338	Group Art Unit	1634
Filed:	March 29, 2000	Confirmation No.	6192
For:	"PRECURSORS FOR DEOXYRIBONUCLEOTIDES CONTAINING NONSTANDARD NUCLEOSIDES"	Examiner:	L. Arthur

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION 37 CFR 1.113**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, and in response to the Final Office Action mailed April 9, 2002, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment, reconsideration on the merits of the application, and allowance of the claims.

**AMENDMENT**

In the claims

Please replace claim 4 with the following claim:

4. A method of making an oligonucleotide, the method comprising:  
providing a template oligonucleotide comprising a sequence of nucleotides,  
the template comprising at least one non-standard nucleotide selected from the group  
consisting of purines and pyrimidines at a preselected site in the sequence;

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